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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to the previous day. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were sufficient to at times tight and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings were generally adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were reported as mostly normal to at times heavy. Spent hen supplies were at least adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as normal for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were mostly higher. Other reported prices were unchanged but were trending higher for next week. Trade sentiment remained firm. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good, best into areas with planned feature activity. Loose egg demand was light to usually moderate. Supplies were in balance to tight and were held with increased confidence.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	40-50	41-47				
LARGE	39-49	40-43				
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37				
			LARGE	28-37	32	
			MEDIUM	19-25	23	
			SMALL	5-7		

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were usually sufficient and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings from regular sources were irregular, but generally adequate for trade needs. Schedules were noted as mostly normal to at times heavy. Spent hens were at least adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50-64	50-53
LARGE	44-58	49-53
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged but were trending higher for next week. Trade sentiment was firm. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good, best into areas with planned and on-going feature activity. Loose egg demand was moderate. Supplies were in balance to tight and held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand remained light to instances moderate for the slightly less available offerings. Floor stocks were adequate for current needs. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	45.5-54	47-50
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were about adequate to instances tight for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were irregular, although generally sufficient for the fair demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48.5-57.5	50-53
LARGE	47-54.5	48-51
MEDIUM	36.5-44	37-41

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous day. Trade sentiment was fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was moderate to good. Supplies were about adequate and held with increased confidence.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	64-68
LARGE	62-66
MEDIUM	51-55

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47-56	49-53
LARGE	46-55	47-49
MEDIUM	39-48	42-44

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 5 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra larger, 6-7 cents higher on large, and 4-5 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 5 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large and large, and 4 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand mainly moderate, best to cover features. Offerings adequate but held confidently. Small benchmark price 58.

**CALIFORNIA** Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	103
EXTRA LARGE	95
LARGE	85
MEDIUM	78

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	76-92
EXTRA LARGE	74-83
LARGE	72-75
MEDIUM	65-68

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	239-309
EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	179-219
MEDIUM	179-189

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand remained light to instances moderate with offerings slightly less available, due to higher prices in the graded market. Breakers needing extra product were at times paying towards the high side of the quoted range. Floor stocks were adequate for current needs. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	31-33	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-22	18-20
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Undertone was steady. Offerings were irregular from regular suppliers, but generally adequate for trade needs. Demand was fair but currently not aggressive. Breaking schedules were mostly normal to a tad heavy. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 15-Oct-2005 were 2% less than the previous week, and 1% lower than a year earlier.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	28-34	31-33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-23	17-21
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -** W/E 15-Oct-05  
(Lbs. in Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Brkn	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined.
CW	1,397,621	35,200	12,766	6,588	3,588	4,601
PW	1,386,852	32,812	13,386	7,279	3,055	4,640
LY	1,332,046	30,912	13,550	7,120	2,497	4,549
% PW	1%	7%	-5%	-9%	17%	-1%
% LY	5%	14%	-6%	-7%	44%	1%
2005	53,907,203	1,272,905	526,800	281,955	121,252	181,847
2004	50,672,608	1,201,087	487,919	263,575	112,049	173,661
% YTD	6%	6%	8%	7%	8%	5%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.33	41.91	42.14
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	39.03	38.56	38.72

**IN-LINE PRODUCTION** (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	595,439	42.6%	16,337	46.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	607,998	43.8%	15,673	47.8%
LAST YEAR	510,507	38.3%	13,081	42.3%

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 10/15 was 9% more than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate with freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE
WHOLE	54-58
WHITES	40-43
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-79
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	74-77

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole and yolk prices were unchanged to slightly higher with whites unchanged from last week's reported prices. Trade sentiment was steady for all frozen products. Offerings were adequate with demand and trading usually light to at times moderate. Floor stocks were in balance to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	49-52	49-50
WHITES	35-38	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-75	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-72	

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Majority prices were unchanged to lower on whole eggs, unchanged on whites, and unchanged to slightly higher on yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to mostly light. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs, but still held with some confidence. Trade sentiment was mixed on whole, but usually steady on all items. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 15-Oct-2005 were 9% more than the previous week, and 4% higher than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	46-52	48-52	54-59
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		64-81
WHITES	33-38	35-38	40-55
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	69-75	70-75	76-84
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	67-71	68-71	73-82

(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on albumen and whole, balance of items were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trading was light with offerings mostly adequate to occasionally short in spot locations. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 15-Oct-2005 were 17% more than the previous week, and 44% higher than a year earlier. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were up 8% over a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, Trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.56-1.85	MOSTLY	1.61-1.70
YOLKS	1.65-1.85	MOSTLY	1.65-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.17-2.40	MOSTLY	2.22-2.40
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.29-1.50	MOSTLY	1.30-1.40

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 58 to 60 cents fob with pasteurized whites too few to report. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for all liquid products. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Trading and demand were mostly light to at times fair for whole egg and yolk. By the end of the period, interest for whites improving and ranged moderate to fairly good. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LW
WHOLE	12	33-33.5	33.17	4.29
WHITES	11	20	20.00	-.23
YOLKS	7	63.5-64.5	63.93	-.11

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 14, 2005-OCT 20, 2005

CURRENT LOADS								59.50	FUTURE LOADS				65.00	TOTAL LOADS						124.50
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS					
GNR W 1	33.67	37.00	32.83	34.89	42.00	38.00	20.00	GNR W 1	43.00	51.21	—	—	—	41.00	10.00					
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	67.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	51.00	—	—	—	—	62.00	1.00					
GL W J	—	—	51.00	52.00	—	51.00	2.50	GL W XL	—	46.75	—	—	—	56.49	17.75					
GL W XL	44.67	47.38	42.92	44.50	41.51	—	37.00	GL W LG	—	45.06	—	51.50	—	51.00	12.25					
GL W LG	—	43.43	213.75	41.00	37.00	—	19.75	GL W MD	37.00	—	—	—	—	37.33	3.00					
GL W MD	33.00	35.50	—	32.14	28.17	31.67	8.25	GL BR J	—	—	—	—	—	85.75	.25					
GL W SM	26.50	29.00	22.00	23.75	22.75	25.75	8.00	NRBS - 48	—	26.00	—	—	—	26.00	7.00					
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	69.00	—	.25	NRBS - 39	17.00	17.50	—	—	—	—	2.00					
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	34.00	—	—	.25													
NRBS - 48	23.00	27.00	—	—	34.50	32.79	43.00													

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Majority prices were slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST 5-13 8-9

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Disposal costs were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage values were expected to remain steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings were mostly adequate for the light to moderate demand. Trade sentiment about steady. Processing schedules were full-time for next week.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST 0-11 6-9

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings light.

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL** OCT 21, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	51.50	51.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	51.50	49.50	39.00
MIDWEST	44.00	41.50	35.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	48.50	42.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	49.96	47.61	39.63

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for light canners; fair to moderate at best for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-31 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 15-Oct-05**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,322	1,501	2,823
Last Week	1,250	1,445	2,695
Same week yr ago	1,305	1,522	2,827
To-date/2005	59,844	58,095	117,939
To-date/2004	55,879	55,524	111,403

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	197	2	199
Last Week	136	18	154
Same week yr ago	82	0	82
To-date/2005	10,673	60	10,733
To-date/2004	9,871	98	9,969

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,519	1,503	3,022
Last Week	1,386	1,463	2,849
Same week yr ago	1,387	1,522	2,909
To-date/2005	70,517	58,155	128,672
To-date/2004	65,750	55,622	121,372

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 08, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	351	704	13,469	13,731
Frozen	0	0	130	11
Dried	89	40	579	589
Total	440	744	14,178	14,331

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 08, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	224	67	5,549	6,942
Frozen	0	81	708	1,447
Dried	0	0	371	1,853
Total	224	148	6,628	10,242

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 08, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	0	179	378
Extra Large	1,970	7,630	168,745	157,794
Large	4,570	18,653	262,688	328,413
Medium	2,154	3,240	86,419	103,939
Ungraded	7,320	9,720	149,914	254,382
Misc	0	0	8,053	16,790
Total	16,014	39,243	675,998	861,696

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT**

(In Units of 1,000)

	31-Aug 2004	31-Aug 2005	30-Sep 2004	30-Sep 2005
<b>FROZEN EGGS:</b>				
FROZEN EGGS:	31-Aug 2004	31-Aug 2005	30-Sep 2004	30-Sep 2005
Whites	2,722	2,788	3,026	3,096
Yolks	1,435	1,207	1,501	1,214
Whole & Mixed	9,605	12,447	10,569	11,360
Unclassified	3,505	3,478	3,624	3,514
Total Frozen Eggs	17,267	19,920	18,720	19,184

**CHICKENS AND EGGS****September Egg Production Up Slightly**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during September 2005, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.31 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 59 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2005 averaged 342 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,155 eggs, up 1 percent from September 2004.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2005, totaled 343 million, down slightly from a year ago. The 343 million layers consisted of 286 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.46 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2005, averaged 71.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from October 1, 2004.

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 15-Oct-2005	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	241.9	2	-4
East North Central	596.7	-2	10
West North Central	305.4	12	10
South Atlantic	194.7	-2	-10
South Central	63.2	5	-10
West	213.2	7	21
Total	1615.1	-1	5
Matched Plants reporting		86	85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 15-Oct-2005

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	27.0	27.7	-3	-10
Boston	3.3	3.3	0	3
Chicago	95.4	92.0	4	53
Detroit	23.2	21.8	6	-15
Kansas City	2.9	2.9	0	0
Los Angeles	120.0	111.2	8	39
New Orleans	5.7	5.5	4	-30
New York	29.4	30.6	-4	-8
St. Louis	15.8	16.6	-5	-14
San Francisco	18.7	18.4	2	-6
Total	341.4	330.0	3	18
4 Week Moving Avg.	327.3			

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 10/17/05	3,447	101,234	59,613
AM 10/01/05	3,350	115,061	55,027
CHG	97	-13827	4586
PCT CHG	3%	-12%	8%

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

Oct 18, 2005

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
<b>MAINE</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>40</b>
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	<b>102-106</b>	<b>92-96</b>	<b>64-68</b>	<b>33-37</b>
MOSTLY	104-105	94-95	66-67	35-36
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	<b>108-112</b>	<b>98-102</b>	<b>70-74</b>	<b>39-43</b>
MOSTLY	108	98	70	39
<b>VERMONT</b>	<b>109-110</b>	<b>99-105</b>	<b>71-75</b>	-
MOSTLY	109	99	71	-

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